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1. Airfield of Prowehren, Baltic MD, February 1949:

A large airfield with railroad spur track is located north of Prowehren (54°46'N, 20°24'E). The field is bordered on the east by a woods in which small buildings are located and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Well camouflaged jet fighters were parked in the woods at the eastern border. Some of these fighters were observed taking off and landing. The aircraft were considerably faster than the "propeller fighters" which had been parked at the field until the spring of 1948.*

2. Airfield of Podolsk, Moscow Oblast, Moscow MD, May 1948:

A large airfield is located immediately west of the super highway to Moscow, about 1.5 miles north-northwest of Podolsk (55°27'N, 37°33'E). The landing field is covered by grass and no concrete runway is available. The hangars are located at the eastern border of the airfield. Other buildings were also observed. The airfield was occupied by a squadron of twin-engine transport aircraft of an obsolescent type and two-place biplanes. Individual parachute jumps were observed over the airfield in the summers of 1946 and 1947.**

Comments:

*The report confirms the occupation of the Prowehren airfield by jet fighters in April 1949. A jet fighter unit is assumed to be stationed there.

**According to the data on the location of the airfield, it cannot be identical with either of the two fields which, according to previous information, are located near Podolsk. This field was possibly constructed after the war, since it is not listed in former records. A parachute school is probably stationed at this field.

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